

Mt. Vernon Selectboard Meeting Minutes Draft
06-21-2021

Board Members Present: Anna Libby, Paul Crockett, Mac Hardy (Chair)

Support Staff & Guests Present: Kerry Casey, Alice Counts, Mark Gilbert, Ron Lockwood, DOT Brian Reeves, Sandy Wright, Doug Stevens

Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by SB Chairman Hardy at 7:01 pm.

Additions/Adjustments to Agenda.

- **Board Election for Select Board Chair**
 - SB Hardy was nominated by SB Crockett, 2nd by SB Libby. Vote was 3-0. **PASS**
- **General Administrator (GA)**
 - SB Libby was nominated by SB Crockett, 2nd by SB Hardy. Vote was 3-0. **PASS**
- **Appointments**
 - John Olson nominated to Aging in place by SB Crockett, 2nd by SB Libby. Vote 3-0. **PASS**
 - Ona Fast nominated to Aging in place by SB Crockett, 2nd by SB Libby. Vote 3-0. **PASS**

Winthrop Dispatch Contract

- SB Hardy signed the Winthrop Dispatch contract on 06-21-2021

Meet with DOT Brian Reeves Regarding Plunge Pool.

- Brian stated that Jamie with DOT was willing to donate materials if the Town could do the install. Run is approx. 120 ft. Brian looked at the area with Clyde Dyar.
- Sandy Wright from the Community Center standing in for Clyde Dyar.
- A straight line could be run if an easement is obtained from Gerhard Von Hauenschild, the property owner.
- \$15,000 – 20,000 estimated. Stone Ditch, Culvert, or Catch Basin to be tentatively provided by DOT.
- Boiler Plate to be provided by Brian Reeves.

Other Business for DOT Brian Reeves

- 233 Pond Road, on your way to Flying Pond Variety. One Foot Drop Off, accident waiting to happen. Near Sherene Gilman's house.
- Rip Wrap on Stream near Fire Station. Erosion of the stream pointed out by DEP.
- Brian Reeves dismissed at 7:30

Fire Station

- Voting Irregularities During Election
 - Non-Department Members, Junior Firefighters and Inactive Members were allowed to vote
 - The Department is Mt Vernon Fire and Rescue, however none of the Fire Rescue members were invited to vote.
 - State Statute states that the Chief will be appointed by the Select Board. Select Board has not voted to confirm this election yet.

- Made a vote on May 1st meeting. Dana Stepped down and voted in new Chief. Conflict in the two votes that were taken.
- The meeting before the election was the actual election. They voted that night for the Chief Officers. The new Chief was told by the outgoing Chief that he can choose his Deputy Chief?
- Need to have a neutral moderator at all elections to ensure fair and legal election process. It was suggested that the Select Board could also be an option to sit in on elections.
- Bylaws submitted. Need to check to see if this was done as an ordinance in order to know if is valid.
- Possibly need an MMA opinion on the validity of the Bylaws.
- Doug Stevens suggested the Fire Department needs younger and newer membership that people want to follow.
- Item 16 of the Fire Department Bylaws reference Mount Vernon Fire Company which needs to be removed.
- Conflict with How Election was handled and whose rules are we following. Are we following the Fire Department Bylaws or the State statute? Everyone should know what is happening.
- Questions sound decisions made by some voted into leadership positions.
- Select Board will have to elect a Temporary Chief on July 1st if the Bylaws are deemed to be invalid, negating the election process.
- The Bylaws have been locked in the Fire Chief's Officer, where the members have not had access to them. These need to be available to all members.
- State Statute needs to be followed. Need to see if the bylaws conform to the State Statute. SB Hardy asked Doug to work with the Fire Dept during this process.
- Doug Stevens was dismissed at 7:46

Motion & Discussion on Accepting Minutes from 06-07-2021.

- Motion by SB Crockett to accept 6-07-2021 minutes. 2nd by Selectman Hardy. Vote was 3-0. **PASS**

Review the Final 2020/21 Budget Report with Questions/Discussion.

- Administrative Town Report over by 2107.29. Town Report was absorbed in the next year because it was late. This amount remains within the overall budget.
- Salaries and Wages – unused Administrative Assistant money will lapse on 06-30-21.
- Contingency Fund – Is there a definition for use of this fund? Should this fund be used for unexpected expenses or Emergency usage. We need to contact MMA and see what this fund can be used for.
- Office Equipment – Overage of \$207. Would like to move Casiro funds which is supplies should be moved over to office supplies.
- Capital Improvement Municipal Fund – This fund will carry over.
- Fire Department Maintenance and Repair – One of the Engines blew up. SB votes on vehicle equipment and repair. Kerry Casey Suggest that the Special Maintenance be moved back into the regular maintenance.
- Transfer Station – All unused monies are carried over.
- Need to vote on Transfer Station salaries at next SB Meeting.
- Total Insurance – workers comp went up quite a bit, but the actual liability was the cause. Motion by SB Crockett to take 3624.35 from Contingency Fund to Pay Total Insurance, 2nd by Libby. Vote was 3-0. **PASS.**
- Capital Improvement for Roads –Hold off on this until next SB meeting after the year has closed out.

- Snowplow - State posted weight limit on the Cotter Hill Bridge, which caused the contractor to have to buy an extra, smaller snowplow for 3995.95. This was an unexpected expense. This can be transferred to Winter Sand/Salt.
- Sign Account – Lee Dunn. A Decision will be made on this account once we know the final amount.
- Snowmobile Club – Received \$500 from the state and disbursed all in its entirety.
- Revenues – Looks like the town is in good shape with revenues coming in. Received more in excise tax and municipal revenue sharing than expected.
- Lincoln Walton Trust Fund – this Fund is used to lessen the tax burden.

Town Meeting Summary Review.

- Looks Good.

Carbon Tax Report.

- Motion by SB Crockett to have the Select Board sign off as directed by the Town Meeting Cash-Back Carbon Pricing Initiative. 2nd by Libby. Alice Counts to mail this signed document to all addresses listed on the email. Vote was 3-0. **PASS**

Contacting YMCA for Mt Vernon Swim Program.

- Gerhard Hauenschild will submit 4 applicates for Life Guard to YMCA on 06-22-2021

School Generator Bids and Discussion.

- Tentative agreement to split the cost 50/50 with the Town of Mt Vernon.
- CMD Power Systems Inc Invoice 34130 Quote
 - A051Y401 Cummins Onan C30N6 30kW 120/240 volt 1 phase Generator with cold weather kit \$11,793.39
 - RA400A 400A 120/240 vole 1 phase Transfer Switch SE rated nema 3r enclosure A050W633 \$3006.94
 - AGM-35 Norstar AGM 12 volt battery 25% deposit with acceptance of this quote \$230.83
 - Freight Charge \$200.00
 - Collins & Collins installation \$5000.00
 - Miscellaneous Charge (concrete pad, propane, etc.) \$5000
 - Total Expenditure \$26,057.89, split in half for \$13,028.94
- Checking to see if there are enough Funds in the Contingency Plan to cover our costs on this. Decision to be made at next Select Board meeting.

Requesting that All Committees/Departments send in Minutes of Formal Meetings.

- Include Roll Call, Topics and Vote Result
- Alice Counts to send Email to committees, requesting past Meeting Agendas and Minutes.

Other Business:

- Delineator – working through the bicycle coalition with DOT for the purpose of slowing down traffic.
- Tool Shed – Building Permit has been Secured.

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- Casco Bay – Alice Counts to Mail in the signed document for the 5-year Financial Operating Pro Forma for municipally owned Fiber-to-the-Home (FTTH) Networks.
- Street Light Contract – SB Crockett is following up on street light locations and whether or not additional lights are needed. SB Crockett to meet with SB Libby to tour the roads and look at inventory sheet to see what adjustments need to be made prior to signing contract.

New Website Discussion.

- SB Crockett will meet with Alice Counts to further discuss the New Website and what needs to be done prior to activation.
- Motion by SB Hardy to move to Exec Session, 2nd by Crockett. Vote was 3-0. **PASS**

Executive Session Pursuant to 3 M.R.S.A SS 405(6)(B) Personnel Matters -

Actions or Motion as a Result of Executive Session

- Motion by SB Libby To temporarily appoint Jason Beckler as Fire Chief for the time period of one month beginning on 07-01-21 pending a review of the status of Fire Company bylaws, related town ordinances, and State statutes, and whether information found in said inquiry will require another vote of the Fire Department. 2nd by SB Crockett. Vote was 3-0. **PASS**

Motion to Adjourn.

- Motion by SB Libby to adjourn at 9:08. 2nd by SB Crockett. Vote was 3-0. **PASS**